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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: MAURITANIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. THERE HAVE BEEN VERY FEW SIGNIFICANT MAURITANIAN DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE SAHARA SITUATION DURING THE PAST WEEK. MEETINGS CONTINUE TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF "SENSITIZING AND MOBILIZING" PUBLIC OPINION BEHIND MAURITANIA'S SAHARA POLICY. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY PAPER, CHAAB, IS REPORTING ON THESE ACTIVITIES IN GREAT DETAIL. DURING ONE OF THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS IN NOUAKCHOTT FEBRUARY 22, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY ANNOUNCED: "I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT WHAT ONE CALLS WADI DHEHAB OR THE WESTERN TIRIS IS TOTALLY CONTROLLED BY OUR ARMED AND SECURITY FORCES".

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NEARLY THIRD OF EACH ISSUE OF CHAAB DURING PAST WEEK HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO PROPAGANDA IN SUPPORT OF MAURITANIA'S SAHARA POLICY, THERE WERE NO NEWS ARTICLES ON EVENTS IN MOROCCAN-CONTROLLED PORTION OF SAHARA OR ON MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN CLASHES. CHAAB IS CURRENTLY MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO REPORT INFORMATION WHICH WILL

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PAVE WAY FOR INCORPORATION OF SOUTHERN PART OF SAHARA

INTO MAURITANIA.HANDYSIDE

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